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DOSARM, DOSAV MEET;  
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KHABAROVSK DOSARM HOLDS FIRST CONFERENCE -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 135,  
10 Jun 49

The first kray DOSARM conference has just ended in Khabarovsk. Delegates attended from Nizhne-Amur Oblast and the Jewish Autonomous Oblast, Komsomol'sk, Sovetskaya Gavan', Bikin, and Khabarovsk. Chairmen of rayon DOSARM committees of rayons subordinate to the kray, and chairmen of Party and soviet organizations were also present. The auditing report, given by Plezovskikh, was followed by elections to the Kray committee. Eleven members were elected to the committee, and Nagaynikov was elected chairman.

CHITA DOSARM MEETS -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 112, 10 Jun 49

The first Chita Oblast DOSARM conference, in which 78 delegates participated, was held for 2 days in Chita. Belitskiy, chairman of the orgburo of the Chita Oblast DOSARM Committee, gave the auditing report. The conference elected members to the oblast committee, the auditing commission, and Belitskiy as chairman of the oblast committee.

KHABAROVSK DOSAV CONFERENCE HELD -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 140, 16 Jun 49

The first Khabarovsk Kray DOSAV conference, held recently, was attended by representatives from Nizhne-Amur, Kamchatka, and the Jewish Autonomous oblasts, Khabarovsk, Bikin, Sovetskaya Gavan', Komsomol'sk, and by representatives of Party and soviet organizations. Shalimov, chairman of the orgburo of the kray DOSAV organization, reported on the activity and plans of the organization. Delegates pointed out that very few parachute, glider, aviation history, and model airplanes sections have been created in the kray.

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Gusev, chairman of the DOSAV committee in Sovetskaya Gavan', Alekseyev and Klimoshenko, chairmen of the oblast committees in Kamchatka and the Jewish Autonomous oblasts, respectively, and Konev, chairman of the primary organization in the village of Nikolayevka, Smilovichiyskiy Rayon, also spoke at the conference. The conference then elected a kray DOSAV committee of nine persons, with Shalimov as chairman.

CHITA DOSAV ELECT -- Zabaykalskiy Rabochiy, No 114, 13 Jun 49

The first Chita Oblast DOSAV conference, which has just ended, elected members of the oblast DOSAV committee, the auditing commission, and Borisov as chairman of the committee. These elections mark the end of the organizational period for the newly created DOSAV organization in Chita.

MOSCOW DOSAV MEETS -- Vechernyaya Moskva, No 151, 27 Jun 49

Delegates to the First Moscow City Conference of DOSAV met in Moscow on 27 June. The meeting was attended by aviators, glider pilots, parachutists, model airplane builders, workers, engineers, and group leaders of DOSAV primary organizations.

The conference was opened by Oshurkov, chairman of the Moscow DOSAV Organization Bureau. The Presidium of the conference included General-Lieutenant of Aviation Kamanin, Chairman of the USSR DOSAV Organization Bureau; General-Lieutenant Lukashin, Chief of Political Administration of the Air Forces; Yakovlev, designer and Hero of Socialist Labor; Krasavchenko, secretary of Moscow City and Oblast VLKSM Committees; Chugunov, section head in the Moscow City Committee, VKP(b); and others.

About 600 DOSAV primary organizations have been formed in Moscow with a membership of many thousands.

WORKERS GET RADIO, AA DEFENSE TRAINING -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 124, 25 Jun 49

The Novosibirsk Electrical Motor Plant has organized courses for training automobile drivers, radio operators, and instructors in antiaircraft defense.

ARMY OFFICERS STUDY FOREIGN LANGUAGES -- Krasnaya Zvezda, No 151, 29 Jun 49

The number of officers studying foreign languages in the Volga Military District is growing steadily. One group of 16 is studying English regularly, twice a week. Officer Belov is supervising the studies. Party and Komsomol organizations are also giving active support to students of foreign languages.

STEAMSHIP LINE COOPERATES WITH DOSFLOT -- Morskoy Flot, No 51, 28 Jun 49

DOSFLOT primary organizations have been formed on ships of the Northern Steamship Line. There are groups for training engine-room workers, helmsmen, radio operators, and signalmen.

Seamen of the steamer Roshal', who are members of DOSFLOT, are trained in rowing and sailing. Regular training is also provided for engine-room workers and electricians. Signalmen are trained by the ship's radio operator.

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Primary DOSFLOT organizations are well established on the ships Voronezh, Vyatka, and Severyanin.

TRANSPORT MILITARY GUARD GETS RANKS, INSIGNIA -- Vedomosti Verkhnego Soveta SSSR, No 32, 8 Jul 49

The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet USSR issued an ukase dated 25 June 1949:

1. To introduce personnel ranks and new insignia for the personnel of the military guard, Ministry of Transportation.

2. To establish the following personnel ranks for commissioned and noncommissioned personnel of the military guard, Ministry of Transportation:

Senior commanding personnel -- colonel, lieutenant-colonel, major.

Middle commanding personnel -- captain, senior lieutenant, lieutenant, and junior lieutenant.

Junior commanding personnel -- master sergeant, senior sergeant, sergeant, and junior sergeant.

3. Privates of the military guard, Ministry of Transportation, are called riflemen in rifle units and soldier in fire-fighting units.

4. To confirm the description of the new insignia for commissioned and noncommissioned personnel and privates of the military guard, Ministry of Transportation.

5. For the Ministry of Transportation to establish the deadline for changing to the new insignia for commissioned and noncommissioned personnel and privates of the military guard, Ministry of Transportation. -- N. Shvernits, chairman, and A. Gorkin, secretary, Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR.

Description of the insignia for commissioned and noncommissioned personnel and privates of the military guard, Ministry of Transportation [supplement to the above ukase]:

The insignia are shoulder straps [boards]. The shoulder straps of all personnel are in the shape of an elongated hexagon, with parallel long sides, the lower end a rectangle and the upper end a truncated obtuse angle, the truncating side of which is parallel to the lower end.

The shoulder strap, except for the lower end, is edged with orange cloth.

The shoulder strap is 13.5 - 15.5 centimeters long and 5.5 centimeters wide, with piping. The width of the piping is 0.5 centimeter. The bevel height of the lateral side of the truncated obtuse angle is one centimeter.

The shoulder straps for all personnel (except summer uniform) are stiff and are buttoned on. Shoulder straps of summer uniforms of senior and middle commanding personnel are soft and sewn on and have one button on the upper end.

Shoulder straps for senior and middle commanding personnel are made of silk or purl on a cloth base with 4-millimeter orange stripes on the base: two stripes for senior commanding personnel and one for middle commanding personnel. The stripe on the shoulder straps for middle commanding personnel is placed in the middle of the straps and the stripes on the shoulder straps of senior commanding personnel are located 2.3 - 2.4 centimeters from each other and equidistant from the long sides of the straps.

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The buttons on the shoulder strap have the emblem of the military guard, two crossed rifles with a superimposed five-pointed star, and are gold-plated metal, 1.8 centimeters in diameter.

Insignia are attached along a central line on the field -- army-type gold-plated metal stars. Stripes and stars are placed on shoulder straps as follows: colonel of military guard -- two stripes and three stars, lieutenant colonel of military guard -- two stripes and two stars, major of military guard -- two stripes and one star, captain of military guard -- one stripe and four stars, senior lieutenant of military guard -- one stripe and three stars, lieutenant of military guard -- one stripe and two stars, junior lieutenant of military guard -- one stripe and one star.

Shoulder straps of junior commanding personnel and privates are made of green cloth on a cloth base with orange edging. Chevrons of silver purl for the appropriate military rate are sewn on the field: master sergeant of military guard -- three silver purl chevrons, each 10 millimeters wide, 2 millimeters apart, and placed on the lower edge of the shoulder strap, and one intersecting chevron made of silver purl and running lengthwise along the strap, 20 millimeters wide; senior sergeant of military guard -- two crosswise silver purl chevrons, 10 millimeters wide, placed on the lower edge of the shoulder strap; sergeant of military guard -- two crosswise silver purl chevrons, 10 millimeters wide, on the lower edge of the shoulder strap; junior sergeant of military guard -- one crosswise silver purl chevron, 10 millimeters wide, on the lower edge of the shoulder strap.

Buttons are made of brass, 1.8 centimeters in diameter.

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